

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES  
MEAT SAFETY ASSURANCE  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

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**INSPECTION PROCEDURES RELATED TO FERAL SWINE AND REACTOR PIGS**

**I. PURPOSE**

This notice provides instructions to inspection program personnel (IPP) at establishments where feral swine, reactor pigs, or other animals suspected of having Brucellosis are inspected.

**II. DISTRICT OFFICE NOTIFICATION AND SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. When the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) encounters a domestic swine herd that tests positive for Brucellosis, APHIS will notify the Central Office (CO).

B. Upon notification by the CO, supervisors are to obtain personal protective equipment (PPE) as described in section III. B.

**III. IPP RESPONSIBILITIES AT ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING FERAL SWINE AND REACTOR PIGS**

A. IPP should avoid standing or working directly in front of or downwind from a fan that is positioned near processes that can create aerosols. Some situations that can produce aerosols include:

1. Cleaning or rinsing the kill floor with water buckets;
2. Cleaning or sanitizing the kill floor with high power hoses; and
3. Cutting carcasses with power saws or other power tools.

B. While performing ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection, IPP are to wear the following PPE:

1. Aprons;
2. Face shields;
3. Nitrile rubber gloves over cut resistant gloves on both hands; and

4. Slip-resistant foot wear.

C. IPP are to keep all open wounds (cuts and scratches) covered with water-proof bandages.

D. IPP are to discard nitrile gloves after each use.

E. Before returning to the MSA office, IPP are to ensure knives, scabbards and PPE are cleaned with soap and water and sanitized with 70% Isopropyl Alcohol.

#### **IV. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. Before IPP begin inspection duties where feral swine, reactor pigs, or other animals suspected of having Brucellosis are inspected, supervisors are to ensure that IPP have read this notice and understand the PPE requirements.

B. Supervisors are to notify their employees when they are aware that the plant is bringing *Brucella* positive reactor animals or exposed animals from a positive herd to slaughter.

#### **V. QUESTIONS**

Refer questions through supervisory channels.



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